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SUBJECT: PRE-31ST UNGA CONSULTATIONS: KOREA

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1. EMBOFF RAISED KOREAN QUESTION, USING TALKING POINTS CONTAINED REFTTEL, DURING GENERAL DISCUSSION OF MAJOR ISSUES AT FORTHCOMING UNGA SESSION WITH MOFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS DIRECTOR, TESFAYE MEKASHA ON SEPTEMBER 17TH. TESFAYE WAS FAMILIAR WITH TEXTS OF BOTH KOREAN RESOLUTIONS, BUT WOULD SAY ONLY THAT HE AND ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION WOULD CONSULT ON MATTER WITH US COUNTERPARTS IN NEW YORK AT LATER DATE CLOSER TO ACTUAL CONSIDERATION OF KOREAN ISSUE.

2. IN SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT, KOREA CORE GROUP CONVENED COINCIDENTIALLY SEPT. 17TH AT REQUEST ROK AMBASSADOR WHO WISHED REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS SINCE LAST MEETING AND NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AT COLOMBO. HE INFORMED GROUP THAT HE HAD LONG CONVERSATION SEPT. 2ND WITH EPMG FONMIN KIFLE AND SHORTER MEETING WITH PMAC POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MAJOR BERHANE BAYEH, TWO DAYS LATER. KIFLE AGAIN TOLD HIM KOREAN PROBLEM  
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MUST BE SOLVED PEACEFULLY BY KOREAN PEOPLE THEMSELVES. KIFLE

ALSO ADVOCATED A GREAT NATIONAL (KOREAN) CONFERENCE WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE IN BOTH COUNTRIES. ROK AMBASSADOR ATTEMPTED PERSUADE HIM THIS WAS TOTALLY IMPRACTICAL, SINCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF 10 ESTABLISHED IN 1972 HASN'T EVEN BEEN ABLE TO MEET. BERHANE BAYEH APPARENTLY MADE ONLY ONE COMMENT, TO WIT, "WE WILL NOT DISCOURAGE YOU", WHICH ROK AMBASSADOR WAS TOTALLY UNABLE INTERPRET. ROK AMBASSADOR HAS NOW ASKED TO SEE PMAC FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN MAJOR MENGISTU.

3. ROK AMBASSDOR WOULD UP MEETING ASKING CORE GROUP CHAIRMAN TO TRY AND SEE KIFLE ONE MORE TIME BEFORE KIFLE LEAVES FOR NEW YORK AND UNGA. CONSENSUS OF GROUP, HOWEVER, WAS THAT THERE WAS NOTHING MORE WE COULD TELL KIFLE AND THAT GROUP DOUBTED KIFLE WOULD OR COULD SAY MORE THAN HE ALREADY HAS. ONE MORE CALL, THEREFORE, WOULD BE LIKELY BE EXCESSIVE, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF ROK AMBASSADOR'S SOLO EFFORTES. SUGGESTION WAS THEREFORE DROPPED, BUT GROUP SAW SOME MERIT IN RAISING MATTER WITH EPMG DELEGATION IN NEW YORK, JUST BEFORE KOREAN PROBLEM COMES UP FOR DEBATE. GROUP ALSO THOUGHT SOME OF THIRD WORLD CO-SPONSORS OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION MIGHT BE HELPFUL. CHAIRMAN (FRG/CHARGE) UNDERTOOK SUGGEST THIS TO HIS GOVERNMENT. DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO WISH PURSUE THIS APPROACH.

4. AT THIS STAGE EMBASSY HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT ETHIOPIA WILL DEVIATE FROM ITS POSITION LAST YEAR, WHEN IT VOTED AGAINST PRO-ROK RESOLUTION AND FOR PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION.  
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